

M. J. Werle Testimony to the Executive & Legislative Nominations Committee

Subject: Appointment to CT Board of Governors of Higher Education

- Good afternoon Senator Looney, Representative Janowski and members of the Executive & Legislative Nominations Committee
- I appreciate and am humbled by the opportunity to come before you as Governor Rell's nominee for appointment to the Board of Governor's for Higher Education
- I hope to be able to convince you that my background and experience qualify me as a suitable candidate for this important position.
- In particular, I offer that I would bring to the Board insights and perspectives based on:
 - 10 years experience as a student acquiring a BS, MS and Ph.D. in engineering
 - 10 years on the teaching and research faculties of two great universities
 - 40 years as a CT resident (with all of his 8 grand children also resident here)During which time:
 - As a senior member of UTC's Science & Technology Organization:
 - Supported numerous R&D programs at universities
 - Interacted with & developed international research programs
 - Served on several Engineering School Advisory Committees
 - Founded the UTC Technical Education and Training Program Office
 - Served for many years on CT's Joint Committee for Educational Technology
 - As the President of the CT Academy of Science and Engineering:
 - Was instrumental in reestablishing ,with the Board of Governors, the CT Medal of Science and Technology
 - Served as an advisor on science and science education programs to the Office of Workforce Competitiveness and the CT Science Center
 - As head of my own consultancy:
 - Serve as a Technical Programs Advisor for CT Innovation Inc and as a Business Development Advisor to DECD
 - Engage numerous international clients
 - Have started two high tech companies
 - Am active with several major universities on research programs
- I believe that this broad background has provided me a very good perspective on the university community's culture, operation and needs that I hope could be beneficial to the Board's agenda.
- Thank you for your kind attention and I will be happy to address any questions you might have.